

1 **CLAIMS**

2 What is claimed is:

3 1. A method for presenting information, comprising:

4 adding a mark, that is associated with the information, at a source location by
5 activating a marking mechanism; and

6 presenting the information at a destination location based on the mark added at
7 the source location,

8 wherein at least one of said adding the mark and said presenting the information
9 involves displaying a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a
10 time at which the mark was associated with the information.

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12 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the source location is the same as
13 the destination location.

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15 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the source location differs from the
16 destination location.

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18 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the source location is associated
19 with a first area in a building that contains a first information processing mechanism and
20 the destination location is associated with a second area in the building that contains a
21 second information processing mechanism.

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23 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a media
24 content program.

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1 6. The method according to claim 5, wherein the media content program
2 comprises a video program.

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4 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the marking mechanism comprises a
5 mark button provided on a remote control which interacts with a processing mechanism
6 that implements said adding of the mark.

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8 8. The method according to claim 1, further including deleting the mark by
9 selecting the visual indicator of the mark and activating the marking mechanism again.

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11 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding precludes the creation of
12 another mark if that other mark occurs approximately at the same time as the first-
13 mentioned mark.

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15 10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the visual indicator of the mark has
16 visual display properties that convey at least one characteristic of the mark.

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18 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the visual display properties
19 include at least a color for presenting the visual indicator.

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21 12. The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of
22 the mark pertains to an identity of a user who added the mark.

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24 13. The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of
25 the mark pertains to whether the mark is currently selected or unselected.

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2 14. The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying further includes
3 presenting a part of the information associated with the mark along with the visual
4 indicator.

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6 15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the part is a video image taken
7 from the information which is associated with the mark.

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9 16. The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying involves presenting
10 the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, where the position
11 conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information.

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13 17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the displaying involves presenting
14 multiple visual indicators of multiple respective marks at multiple respective display
15 positions along the timeline, where the multiple positions convey respective junctures at
16 which the multiple marks occur within the information.

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18 18. The method according to claim 17, further including navigating among the
19 multiple visual indicators to select any one of the visual indicators.

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21 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein the navigating involves activating
22 a first key on a remote control to move to a temporally succeeding visual indicator with
23 respect to a currently selected visual indicator, and activating a second key on the remote
24 control to move to a temporally prior visual indicator with respect to the currently
25 selected visual indicator.

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2 20. The method according to claim 18, further including invoking a currently
3 selected visual indicator by activating a presentation key on a remote control.
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5 21. The method according to claim 1, wherein the visual indicator of the mark
6 comprises a thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with
7 the mark, and the displaying comprises presenting the thumbnail image in positional
8 relationship to at least one other thumbnail image associated with another mark, wherein
9 the positional relationship is based on the respective times associated with the creation of
10 the marks.
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12 22. The method according to claim 21, further including navigating among the
13 thumbnail images to select any one of the thumbnail images.
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15 23. The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding involves at least one of:
16 the generation of a status display, wherein the status display presents the visual
17 indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, wherein the position conveys
18 a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information;

19 the generation of a mark panel display that contains an input selection item
20 associated with the information; and

21 the generation of a thumbnail display that presents the visual indicator as at least
22 one thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark.
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24 24. The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked upon
25 another activation of the marking mechanism.

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2 25. The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked by the
3 activation of an input selection item associated with the information containing the mark,
4 wherein the input selection item appears in a display that corresponds to at least one of:

5 a mark panel display;

6 a thumbnail display;

7 a menu display;

8 a program guide display; and

9 a program-specific information display corresponding to the information.

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11 26. A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for
12 implementing the adding and the presenting of claim 1.

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14 27. A method for presenting information, comprising:
15 receiving instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking
16 mechanism during the display of a first program;

17 displaying a mark panel display in response to the instructions; and

18 receiving a user's input via the mark panel display to perform at least one of:

19 creating a new mark in the first program; and

20 invoking a preexisting mark in a second program.

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22 28. The method according to claim 27, wherein the mark panel display includes
23 an input selection item associated with the first program, and at least one other input
24 selection item associated with the second program.

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1 29. A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for
2 implementing the receiving of instructions, the displaying, and the receiving of the user's
3 input of claim 27.

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5 30. A system for presenting information, comprising:
6 logic configured to add a mark, that is associated with the information, at a source
7 location by activating a marking mechanism; and
8 logic configured to present the information at a destination location based on the
9 mark added at the source location,
10 wherein at least one of said logic for adding the mark and said logic for presenting
11 the information is configured to display a visual indicator of the mark at a display
12 position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information.

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14 31. The system according to claim 30, wherein the source location is the same as
15 the destination location.

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17 32. The system according to claim 30, wherein the source location differs from
18 the destination location.

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20 33. A processing mechanism for presenting information, comprising:
21 logic configured to receive instructions generated in response to the activation of
22 a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;
23 logic configured to display a mark panel display in response to the instructions;
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1 logic configured to receive a user's input via the mark panel display to perform at
2 least one of:

3 creating a new mark in the first program; and
4 invoking a preexisting mark in a second program.

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